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SUBJECT: Significant Accomplishments - Last Half of 1957

✓ 1. During the latter half of 1957 the Geographic Attaché program was not only maintained at a level of six positions, but a seventh was added. This represents an all-time high for the number of Geographic Attaché positions. These men are responsible for the conduct of the map procurement and cartographic and geographic reporting program. Further, in a period when the Foreign Service was drastically reducing new recruitments, an all-out effort succeeded in obtaining the appointment of two Geographic Attaché candidates [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 2. This guarantees, for the mapping organizations and the intelligence community, a continued flow of full map procurement and cartographic reporting by qualified men.

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2. In the latter half of 1957 initial steps were taken to insure the inclusion of an eighth Geographic Attaché position in the proposed Bureau of African Affairs in the Department of State. If successful in the next half year, this move would increase the total number of positions to eight, and would provide concentration on Africa, an area which is becoming of increased importance to the intelligence community.

3. Significant steps were made in the planned program for full cataloging of the map collection. To date all is in accordance with the schedule and it is expected that the goal of complete cataloging will be achieved by next September. The achieving of this goal will increase the efficiency in the Reference servicing of map holdings to intelligence requesters.

4. Concentrated efforts have been made to make all segments of the Agency aware of the facilities available in the Map Library. Eight Map Bulletin Boards have been established in different Agency buildings, numerous tours have been conducted for the various components and new members entering on duty in the agency, and many briefings have been given. This concentration, capping an expanded procurement program, guarantees full availability of existing intelligence maps to the community.

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25X1C4A 5. The Division has supported for the past six months efforts to conclude a contract with a U. S. commercial firm for compilation of topographic maps of an area of high priority in the Defense Department.

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25X1A1a photography to be utilized in the contract was collected by the Agency over a year ago. Negotiations are concluded, and the signing of a contract for approximately [REDACTED] is imminent. Physical premises and substantive support of the Division were utilized by Army, company and Office of Logistics personnel.

25X1C4a 6. Efforts of the Division in discussions with ICA, Army, Air 25X1A5a1
25X1A5a1 Force, and Agency officials played a significant role in the final realization of a contract between [REDACTED] for aerial photography and mapping of that country. The photography was flown during October-November 1957, and duplicate negatives are currently on file in the Air Force.

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